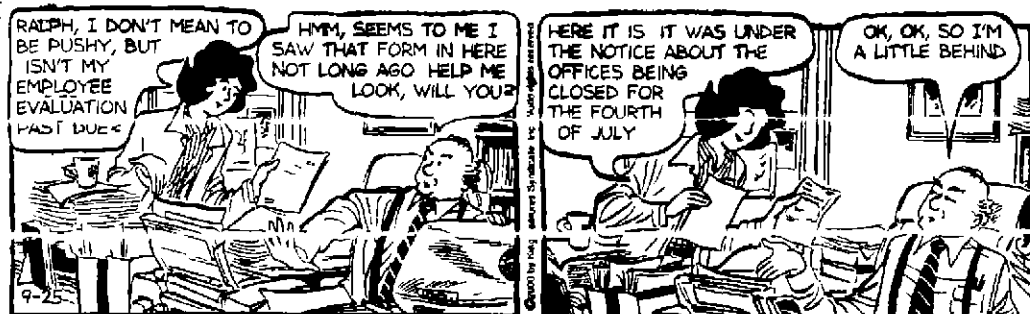


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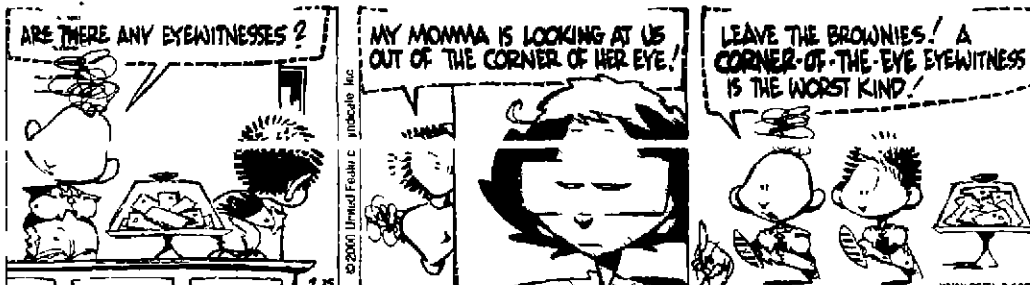
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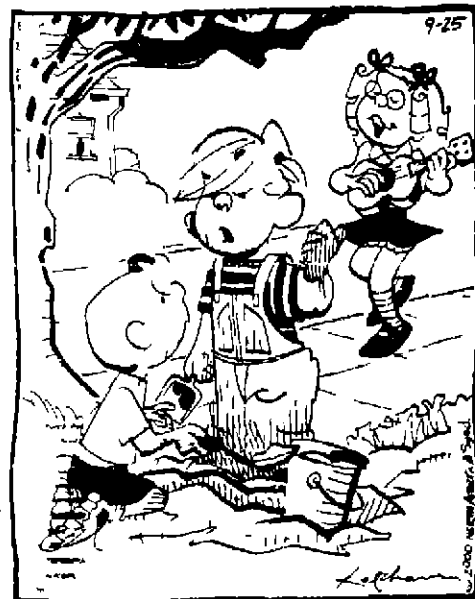
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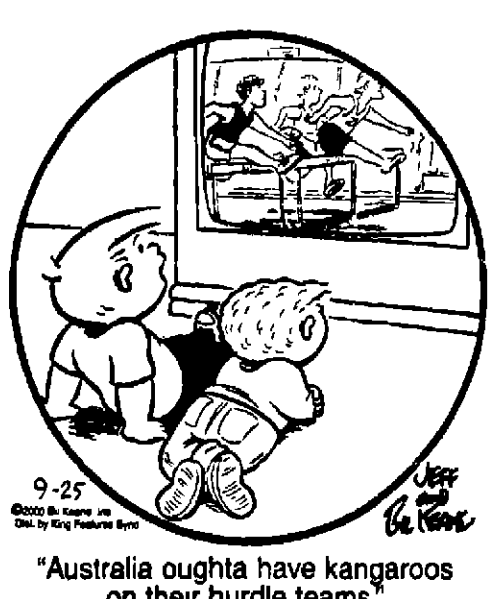
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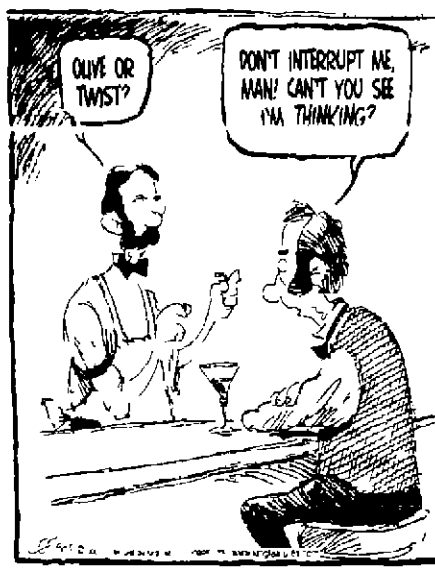


"I trust it's your Out Box that's overflowing?"

Today's Birthdays

Baseball Hall of Famer Phil Rizzuto is 82 ABC News anchor Barbara Walters is 69 Country singer Ian Tyson is 67 Rhythm-and-blues singer Jesse Russell is 61 Actor Robert Walden is 59 Actor producer Michael Douglas is 58 Model Cheryl Tiegs is 53 Actress Mimi Kennedy is 51 Actor-director Anson Williams is 51 Actor Mark Hamill is 49 Actor Christopher Reeve is 48 Actor Colin Firth is 48

I NEED HELP



Charles Dickens battles writer's block.

SCRABBLE

SCRABBLE word game section with a grid and word lists.

HOROSCOPE

For Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2000. ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Make sure to pay attention to the smaller things... TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's a fine time for romance... GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Pay no attention to the idle gossip of co-workers... CANCER (June 21 to July 22) If you've been meaning to ask a relative a personal question... LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Make time for creative endeavors... VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) This is an excellent time to tidy up loose ends... LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You are feeling easily overwhelmed... SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Your heart will be into the act of performing community service... SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Now is the time to take care of your responsibilities... CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Connect with people whom you've missed... AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Be careful when dealing with co-workers... PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Plunge into action and worry about figuring out all the facts later.

WORD SLEUTH

Word Sleuth word search puzzle with a grid and word lists.

ACES

By Bobby Wolff. He's just more experienced," consoled West. But the deal taught you a good lesson — in the future, you can turn the tables with a holdup play of your own. West led his top of a doubleton and East impulsively inserted his heart jack when dummy played low South wisely allowed the jack to win and East was trapped. He returned his heart king to blot dummy's queen but it wasn't enough South still had the 10 for a second stopper good enough to stop the run of East's heart suit. When South led diamonds to West's king, West had no heart to lead, and South had time to develop his nine winners. Thanks to the lesson he learned today, what would East do next time in a similar situation? Instead of inserting his heart jack at trick one, he would play his eight. The eight forces South to win his 10, otherwise, East will return the king to establish the suit, giving the defenders complete control. When West wins his diamond king, he has a heart to lead, and South cannot develop his ninth winner before East can run his heart suit.

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